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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 8, 2000, Applicant provides the Examiner with the following documents.

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), an Information Disclosure Statement shall be considered by the Office if filed after a first Office Action on the merits and before the mailing date of any final Action or Notice of Allowance if accompanied by a statement specified in §1.97(e) or the fees set forth in §1.17(p).

The applicant has fulfilled the requirements under §1.97(e)(1) inasmuch as the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application less than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. As can be seen from the enclosed documents, the date of mailing of the International Search Report was January 23, 2002.

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The following patents and/or documents, copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified United States Patent Application:

US PATENT/DOCUMENT		
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3,296,230	1/3/67	Gateff et al.
3,896,091	7/22/75	Fabris et al.
FOREIGN DOCUMENTS		
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ARTICLES		
Thermal Stability of Graft Modifications of PVC and Related Materials, ABBÅS et al., <u>Journal of Polymer Science</u> , Polymer Chemistry Edition, Volume 13, (1975), pp. 59-68, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.		

Copies of the publications are included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with an ample opportunity to evaluate the same and to arrive at an independent assessment of their materiality, if any, with regard to the examination of the application.

In reviewing the enclosed copies of the above publications, the Examiner is requested to ignore any underscoring or highlighting which may appear because such markings may or may not have any relationship to the subject matter of the above-identified application. The copies being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement are the best copies available at this time.

An official action considering the four enclosed items is earnestly solicited.

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